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## Notes from ICfL

### FCC Commissioner Visits Idaho

In August, Idaho had the privilege of hosting Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Commissioner Michael O’Rielly at LinkIDAHO’s Broadband Summit in Boise. He was the keynote speaker and moderated a panel discussion on “Filling the Gaps in Broadband Delivery in Rural and Remote Areas.” His visit also provided an opportunity to showcase Idaho public library services with a trip to the Ada Community Library’s Lake Hazel Branch and he [tweeted](#) about his experience there. See more about the Commissioner’s visit at State Librarian Ann Joslin’s blog at <http://www.districtdispatch.org/2014/09/idaho-library-welcomes-fcc-commissioner/>.

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### National Book Festival

The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) celebrated Idaho’s literary heritage at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual National Book Festival. The Festival, sponsored by the Library of Congress, was held Saturday August 30 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. and featured authors, poets, illustrators, and a variety of pavilions. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) sponsors the Festival’s Pavilion of the States to promote reading and the literary traditions of the 50 states, District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. At Idaho’s table in the Pavilion, Commission staff members Marj Hooper and Teresa Lipus visited with attendees and shared information about how Idaho promotes literacy and how Idaho libraries support “digital readiness” by providing opportunities to enhance digital literacy skills. Idaho’s featured book at this year’s Festival was N. D. Wilson’s *Boys of Blur*, a juvenile fiction page-turner about a boy and his discoveries of the ancient secrets that hide deep in the heart of the Florida everglades. *Boys of Blur* is also on a [list of predictions](#) for 2015 Newbery winners.

Commission staff attendance at the Festival was made possible by an IMLS grant administered by the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA). See more about the National Book Festival at [www.loc.gov/bookfest](http://www.loc.gov/bookfest).

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### Idaho Commission for Libraries

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### Community Building

In May, teams from five Idaho public libraries met in Boise to plan for community-building projects specific to their libraries. (Find resources from the summit at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/community>.) On November 13, directors from each of the participating libraries will share their stories about building community—the challenges, the successes, and upcoming projects. Please be sure to join them at <http://icfl.adobeconnect.com/ce> on November 13 at 10:00 a.m. MT/ 9:00 a.m. PT.

### Leadership Advisory Group

After the Leadership Needs Assessment Summit in April, ICfL and the Idaho Library Association (ILA) appointed 12 individuals representing the diversity of the library community to serve on the statewide Leadership Advisory Group (see <http://libraries.idaho.gov/leadership>). This group is taking the next steps toward fostering a leadership culture within the Idaho library community. The work of the group is starting to take shape with information-gathering tools and a “Library Leadership in Idaho” web page on the ILA website with leadership development opportunities for trustees and friends, directors and administrators, new library employees, and school library staff. The group will continue to work on these components and report back at the next face-to-face meeting in November. Hear more from the Leadership Advisory Group at the ILA Annual Conference (see page 8).

### Openings on SPLAT

ICfL is accepting applications for positions on the Special Projects Library Action Team (SPLAT). There will be at least three positions to fill by the end of 2014 and potentially a few more after the first of the year. If you are interested, please discuss with your library director/supervisor, and then complete the application form at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/SPLAT](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SPLAT) by **November 15, 2014**. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by December 15. Consider joining SPLAT – <http://splat.lili.org>

### Read to Me

The Read to Me Team has been busy with workshops, library conference presentations, and other outreach activities. Check out [The Scoop](#), a youth services e-newsletter from the Commission to catch up on all the activities and find out what’s happening at other Idaho school and public libraries.

### Smart investing @ your library

The Commission received a grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association (ALA) as part of Smart investing @ your library®. The Commission is working with the College of Southern Idaho, the University of Idaho Extension, ten public libraries in the Magic Valley area, the Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition, the Idaho Department of Finance, and other non-profit organizations to bring effective, unbiased financial and investor education to south central Idaho. This project includes train-the-trainer workshops, library/community sponsored events, and promotions to the public in a region in which over 50% of the residents have incomes below 200% of the poverty level. Library staff training will occur in late October 2014. Each participating library will host three financial literacy events during 2015.



## Library News From Around the State

Find out what is happening in Idaho libraries. Do you have news about your library that you'd like to share in an upcoming Nexus e-newsletter? Please let Teresa Lipus know at [teresa.lipus@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:teresa.lipus@libraries.idaho.gov).



**Garden City Library** celebrated the groundbreaking of their Legacy Courtyard at the Garden City Library on August 13, bringing the festivities, dirt, and shovels inside to avoid the impending downpour. Read more about the Courtyard at [www.idahostatesman.com/2014/07/25/3295273/garden-city-library-getting-new.html](http://www.idahostatesman.com/2014/07/25/3295273/garden-city-library-getting-new.html).



### Idaho Community Foundation grant recipients (<http://www.idcomfdn.org/>):

**Bear Lake County Library District** – \$2,656 to purchase the kits and supplies necessary to introduce science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities into the current and future programing.

**Idaho Falls Public Library** – \$2,657 to purchase library books for children ages 18 months through 14 years to increase the availability of books for children in Swan Valley.

**Larsen-Sant Public Library (Franklin County District), Preston** – \$2,656 to digitize microfilm reels containing back issues of the Preston Citizen (newspaper) for online use.

**Madison Library District** – \$2,656 to help purchase a new vehicle to pull the Book Wagon, make updates and repairs to the existing book trailer, and purchase tablets with an internet plan so patrons can renew books, make requests, see pending holds, and update their accounts on site.

**Madison School District #321** – \$2,657 to purchase high-quality, library-bound books that have accompanying Accelerated Reader tests.

**Rigby City Library** – \$2,156 to purchase Spanish language books for children, teens, and adults.

**Salmon Library Association** – \$2,657 to purchase an ADA-compliant automatic door for the new library.

**Soda Springs Public Library** – \$3,156 to purchase access to downloadable audiobooks for the approximately 250,000 patrons served by the Library Consortium of Eastern Idaho, and purchase support materials for the Lego Club at Soda Springs Public Library.

### Libri Foundation grant recipients ([www.librifoundation.org](http://www.librifoundation.org/)):

New, quality, hardcover children's books were recently awarded to **Lizard Butte Library, Marsing** and **Stanley Community Library** through the Libri Foundation Books for Children program.

**Payette Public Library** welcomed new director Erin Haley in August.

**North Idaho libraries:** Jess Walter, author of six novels, is North Idaho Reads (NIR) Author for 2014. North Idaho Reads is a joint project of libraries in the North Idaho region. The NIR committee selects a book each year that the regional community is encouraged to read and programs are developed around the themes in the book. See more at <http://northidahoreads.org/>.

**University of Idaho Library:** Reference librarian Robert Perret recently published a new bibliography of Idaho history titled [Here We Have 150 Years of Idaho History: A Bibliography](#). This project was supported in part by a grant from the J.C. Smith Memorial Fund. Perret said the Idaho sesquicentennial and Idaho History Day prompted him to make it easier for citizens to find books on Idaho history, especially local history. See more [here](#).



## **Upcoming E-rate Changes**

*by Jan Wall, northern Idaho field consultant*

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to modernize the federal E-rate program with a July 11 E-rate Order. Below are some upcoming changes:

### **Basic telephone service**

Funding for basic telephone (including VoIP, fax, and cellular service) will be phased out, beginning in the E-rate year that starts on July 1, 2015. If you depend on E-rate to help fund basic telephone service, you can expect to spend more on telephone service.

In short, beginning in July 2015, your discount rate will drop 20% each year.

Example—If your current discount is 80% then this is what you can expect:

- 2015: 60% discount
- 2016: 40% discount
- 2017: 20% discount
- 2018: no discount on basic telephone (i.e., there will be no E-rate funding for this service).

This is the anticipated timeline, but the FCC will review the impact sometime in 2016-2017.

### **Discount percent**

Starting in 2015, each district will now have the discount percent of the headquarters (HQ) library; there will be no more shared discount or branch-specific discount. If a service is specifically for one location, the discount for the administrative agency (school district location and NSLP numbers) will be applicable. This will obviously be advantageous for some libraries but not for others.

### **Urban/Rural status**

The Urban/Rural status of your library may change, depending on the Census definition. Again, this may benefit some libraries but not others.

### **Internal connections**

You will need to know your square footage; it will be asked on Form 471. The reason for that is funding for your library in Category 2 (formerly Priority 2 – internal connections and basic maintenance of internal connections ) will be based upon that figure.

In the past, many libraries have been reluctant to apply for internal connections, since there were several hoops to jump through and there was little possibility of funding (especially below the 90% discount rate).

What has changed (or will change before E-rate funding year 2015-2016):

- Technology plans are no longer required.
- Money has been set aside for at least the next two years to fund Category 2 (internal connections and basic maintenance of internal connections).
- The FCC's goal is to make funding available to all discount levels.



- A proposed “Preferred Master Contract” list would allow libraries to purchase internal connection components off this list and not do Form 470 to establish the service.
- There is a \$2.30 per square foot funding limit, with a “floor” (i.e., potential minimum) of \$9200 (pre-discount) per outlet. The top discount level for Category 2 is 85%. (Libraries at 90% discount for internet will receive 85% for Category 2, but all other discount levels will remain the same.)
- A streamlined Eligible Services List should make understanding what is eligible for internal connections funding clearer. (The Public Notice about the draft Eligible Services List is at [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2014/db0804/DA-14-1130A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2014/db0804/DA-14-1130A1.pdf))

Plan ahead; if you need internal connections, or need to upgrade your internal connections, now is the time to consider it.

Form 470 for 2015-2016 is not yet available, but should be available by November. (I will post to the [LibIdaho listserv](#) when Form 470 is available.)

#### **More information**

If you want to know more about the changes, here are some webpages that summarize them:

- E-rate Modernization Order (USAC): [www.usac.org/sl/tools/modernization-order/default.aspx](http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/modernization-order/default.aspx)
- E-rate Modernization (FCC): [www.fcc.gov/e-rate-update](http://www.fcc.gov/e-rate-update) (Click on “Summary of E-Rate Modernization Order”)

## **Updated Library Law Manual Available Online**

*by Jan Wall, northern Idaho field consultant*

The newest edition of *Idaho Library Laws*, which incorporates the changes from the 2014 legislative session, is now available online as a PDF at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/trustees>.

#### **Open Meeting Law:**

The **Idaho Library Laws** print manual (2012) is missing an important section of Open Meeting Law: 67-2344. *Written Minutes of Meetings*. The updated online Law Manual includes this section. You can copy and print this section from the Law Manual (page 195) or directly from [Idaho Statutes](#). For further information, please see the Attorney General’s [Idaho Open Meeting Law Manual](#), which answers many questions about the law.



#### **District libraries:**

Please be sure to read the newly added 67-450E – *Local Government Entities Central Registry* (page 181 in the manual), since you will be required to comply with this by March 15, 2015. You will be receiving more information about this from the Legislative Services Office, and possibly from your County Clerk as well.



## **More Idaho Elementary Schools Receive Funds to Help Serve Youngest Students**

Elementary school libraries play a vital role in ensuring that children develop strong literacy skills, starting in the earliest grades. Unfortunately, many Idaho elementary schools haven't had the resources to allow children in developmental preschool programs, kindergarten, and even first grade to check out books to take home. "Research shows that the best way to improve a child's reading skills is to provide convenient access to reading materials," said State Librarian Ann Joslin. "It's critical that Idaho's school and public libraries offer strong collections of quality, age-appropriate books as part of the effort to have Idaho's young children reading proficiently and at grade level."

In the past two years, the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) awarded Read to Me Mini-grants to 43 schools to help them increase access to books, improve collections, and change check-out policies to better meet the needs of emerging readers. The evaluation of the first year Read to Me Mini-grants, completed by Boise State University literacy professor Dr. Roger Stewart, showed strong positive results. "Young children had dramatically increased access to books resulting in them, their teachers, and their parents/caregivers becoming excited about books and reading. The access and excitement led to substantial shifts in self-reported parent/caregiver behaviors in the home," Dr. Stewart wrote. In interim reports from the second year, school libraries report that teacher use of library resources has soared, students are "obsessed" with nonfiction, and Kindergarten and first grade boys are "so engaged that they visit the library rather than play outdoors before school."

This year, the Idaho Legislature approved a one-time increase of \$100,000 for school library Mini-grants. ICfL received 80 applications requesting a total of \$314,000 and was able to award \$200,000 in grant funds—ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000—to 49 schools. Those with developmental preschool programs on school grounds and high levels of students from lower-income families were given highest priority. Grants were awarded to the following elementary schools:

- Bear Lake County District #33: Paris Elementary \$5,000
- Blaine County District #61: Hailey Elementary \$5,000
- Boise District #1: Garfield Elementary \$5,000 and Lowell Elementary \$2,000
- Bonneville Joint District #93: Valley Elementary, Idaho Falls \$3,000 and Cloverdale Elementary, Idaho Falls \$5,000
- Caldwell District #132: Van Buren Elementary \$5,000 and Lincoln Elementary \$3,000
- Cassia District #151: Mountain View Elementary, Burley \$5,000
- Coeur d'Alene District #271: Borah Elementary, Coeur d'Alene \$5,000; Fernan Elementary, Coeur d'Alene \$5,000; and Winton Elementary, Hayden \$5,000
- Filer District #413: Filer Elementary \$5,000
- Firth District #59: A.W. Johnson Elementary \$2,000
- Fremont County Joint District #215: Parker-Egin Elementary, St. Anthony \$5,000
- Glenns Ferry District #192: Glenns Ferry Elementary \$5,000
- Hagerman School District #233: Hagerman Elementary \$5,000
- Hansen School District #415: Hansen Elementary \$5,000
- Homedale Joint District #370: Homedale Elementary \$5,000
- Idaho Falls District #91: Ethel Boyes Elementary \$5,000



- Jefferson County Joint District #251: Jefferson Elementary, Rigby \$5,000
- Jerome Joint District #261: Horizon Elementary \$5,000
- Kamiah Joint District #304: Kamiah Elementary \$5,000
- Kuna Joint District #3: Ross Elementary \$5,000
- Lake Pend Oreille District #84: Washington Elementary, Sandpoint \$3,000
- Lapwai District #341: Lapwai Elementary \$5,000
- Lewiston District #340: Whitman Elementary \$5,000 and Orchards Elementary \$5,000
- Marsh Valley District #21: Lava Elementary, Lava Hot Springs \$3,000 and Mountain View Elementary, McCammon \$3,000
- McCall-Donnelly District #421: Donnelly Elementary \$2,000 and Barbara R. Morgan Elementary, McCall \$2,000
- Meadows Valley District #11: Meadows Valley Elementary, New Meadows \$2,000
- Meridian Joint District #2: Prospect Elementary, Meridian \$1,000
- Middleton District #134: Middleton Heights Elementary \$4,000
- Midvale District #433: Midvale Elementary \$1,000
- Mountain View District #244: Clearwater Valley Elementary, Kooskia \$2,000
- Nampa District #131: Park Ridge Elementary \$5,000 and Endeavor Elementary \$5,000
- Notus District #135: Notus Elementary \$1,000
- Post Falls District #273: Mullan Trail Elementary, Post Falls \$2,000
- Potlatch District #285: Potlatch Elementary \$5,000
- Salmon District #291: Pioneer Elementary [Salmon Pioneer Primary School] \$4,000
- Salmon River Joint District #243: Riggins Elementary, Riggins \$5,000
- Soda Springs Joint District #150: Howard E. Thirkill Elementary \$5,000
- Sugar-Salem District #322: Central Elementary, Sugar City \$5,000
- Twin Falls District #411: Harrison Elementary \$5,000
- Valley District #262: Valley Elementary, Hazelton \$5,000
- Wendell District #232: Wendell Elementary \$5,000

### **The Hub: A New Resource from SDE**

The State Department of Education has a new professional development website for Idaho educators called "The Hub." The goal of the Hub is to provide educators opportunities to learn and lead. The site is a one-stop shop to find resources for professional development to utilize the power of collaboration and connect educators. The Hub links to a Google Calendar where events are data tagged by content area, region, and role in the district. There are also videos and professional development activities that count towards recertification. Check out The Hub at [www.sde.idaho.gov/site/thehub](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/thehub).





## Cyberbullying Prevention

Bullies are everywhere—even online. And bullying in any form should be taken seriously.



Cyberbullying can occur in many forms: through instant messaging, social networks, texting, email, websites, blogs, and other methods of digital communication. “Students, parents, and educators are encouraged to learn more about bullying—to recognize it, prevent it, and take action to stop it,” says State Librarian Ann Joslin. The prevention of cyberbullying requires good “digital citizenship,” which is the appropriate use of online tools to interact with others, acquire goods and services online, seek information from online sources, and generally function in a society reliant on technology tools and resources.

October is National Bullying Prevention/Cyber Security Month and this is a good time to remind Idahoans about Idaho Commission for Libraries’ “cyberbullying information and prevention” website. At <http://guides.lili.org/cyberbullying> students, parents, and educators will find videos, articles, and specific tips to prevent bullying and keep students safe. Digital Citizenship links and content are provided in partnership with Idaho Public Television, the Idaho Education Network, the Idaho State Department of Education, the Idaho School Boards Association, the Idaho Association of School Administrators, and the Office of Attorney General Lawrence Wasden. In addition, the Attorney General’s Office [website](#) has a *ProtecTeens* DVD, which includes a chapter addressing online threats to children, and [Idaho Public Television](#) is airing an Independent Lens episode titled “Bully” on October 13.

Check out these resources and find out how you can help prevent online bullying.

## ILA Annual Conference, October 1–3, 2014

The Idaho Library Association (ILA) Annual Conference is October 1–3, in Lewiston at the Red Lion Hotel. A wide range of great programs, guest speakers, and activities will be offered for the library community. Three pre-conferences are available October 1, free with full conference registration. See [www.idaholibraries.org/conferences/ila-annual-conference/](http://www.idaholibraries.org/conferences/ila-annual-conference/).



Idaho Commission for Libraries staff will present several sessions, including:

- **Making in the Library:** Sue Walker and Erica Compton, (along with Nick Madsen, Community Library Network, and Nick Grove, Meridian Library District) will host a mini-maker event during this fun and creative preconference session, Wednesday, October 1.
- **Summer Reading 2015:** To Infinity and Beyond! Staci Shaw will help you get an early start on planning for summer reading 2015. “Unmask” the upcoming summer reading theme, slogans, and artwork on Thursday, October 2.
- **EatPlayGrow:** Stephanie Bailey-White combines the latest science and research from the National Institutes of Health with an arts and literacy-based pedagogy to engage families with young children with creative programs and consistent health messages on Thursday, October 2.
- **Connections that Work: Networking, Mentoring and Coaching:** Shirley Biladeau will help you discover how to make your connections count, and build a network of individuals through face-to-face and virtual connections on Friday, October 3.

In addition, the ILA-ICfL Leadership Advisory Group will unveil the components of an ongoing statewide leadership development program during their **Developing a Leadership Culture** session on Thursday, October 2.